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SUBJECT: REGIONAL INTERPOL NARCOTICS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

REF: INC CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION

1. INC FUNDS HAVE BEEN BUDGETED IN FY 1977 AND FY 1978 TO
TEST THE CONCEPT OF A REGIONAL NARCOTICS COMMUNICATIONS
NETWORK. THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT IS FROM
THE FY 1978 CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION:

QUOTE. DURING THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, AS BILATERAL INC
PROGRAMS HAVE BOLSTERED NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITIES
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IN LATIN AMERICA, THE POSSIBILITIES FOR MEANINGFUL INTER-
NATIONAL COOPERATION HAVE INCREASED. REGIONAL INTERDICTION
OPERATIONS IN 1975 AND 1976 HAVE DEMONSTRATED THE NEED AND
DESIRE FOR A RELIABLE INTER-COUNTRY NETWORK IN LATIN
AMERICA. THIS PROJECT WILL CREATE SUCH A NETWORK ON A
TRIAL BASIS IN FY 1977 AND FY 1978. A FIVE-COUNTRY NETWORK
TYING TOGETHER COLOMBIA, PERU, BOLIVIA, ECUADOR (KEY COUN-

TRIES IN COCAINE TRAFFICKING) AND THE INTERPOL REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN ARGENTINA WILL BE CREATED USING RENTED SATELLITE TELEX CIRCUITS. THE SYSTEM WILL ALLOW EACH OF THE COUNTRIES TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH THE OTHERS AND THROUGH THE REGIONAL STATION IN BUENOS AIRES TO INTERPOL

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN PARIS. THE SYSTEM WILL ALSO PERMIT THE PARTICIPATING NARCOTICS AGENCIES TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE U.S. INTERPOL OFFICE IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. WE ALSO INTEND TO EXTEND AN INVITATION, HOWEVER, TO THE PTJ IN CARACAS TO JOIN THE NETWORK AT ITS EXPENSE.

FY 1977 AND 1978 PROGRAMS: INC FUNDS WILL BE USED TO RENT THE SATELLITE CIRCUITS AND TELEX MACHINES DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION WHEN EACH DRUG AGENCY WILL BE PROVIDED ONE-HALF HOUR OF TRANSMITTAL TIME OUT OF EACH 24 HOURS. DURING THE SECOND YEAR OF OPERATION, EACH COUNTRY WILL BE EXPECTED TO FUND MACHINE RENTAL AND A PORTION OF THE CIRCUIT RENTAL COSTS, AND BY THE THIRD YEAR ALL COSTS WOULD BE PHASED OVER TO THE COOPERATING GOVERNMENTS. END QUOTE.

2. MR. LOUIS SIMMS, U.S. INTERPOL OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, HAS DISCUSSED PROJECT WITH SECRETARY GENERAL INTERPOL NEPOTE AND HAS RECEIVED ENTHUSIASTIC CONCURRENCE.

3. PENDING HOST COUNTRY AND EMBASSY CONCURRENCE, MR. PAUL KATZ PLANS A VISIT TO THE MEMBER COUNTRIES COMMENCING ON OR ABOUT JUNE 13 TO WORK WITH THE EMBASSY, LOCAL NARCOTICS AGENCIES, AND TELEPHONE COMPANY IN DEVELOPING A FINAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. ITT IS AWARE OF THE PROPOSAL AND HAS OFFERED TO ASSIST IN ENSURING PROPER INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF THE SYSTEM AT NO COST.

FOR CARACAS: REQUEST EMBASSY CONTACT DIRECTOR PTJ AND SOLICIT HIS VIEWS. KATZ PLANS VISIT ON OR ABOUT JUNE 13.

FOR BOGOTA: THE INTERPOL AGENCY IN COLOMBIA IS D.A.S. REQUEST EMBASSY DISCUSS PROJECT WITH D.A.S. AND CABLE CONCURRENCE KATZ VISIT ON OR ABOUT JUNE 16.

FOR QUITO: INTERPOL LIAISON AGENCY IS NATIONAL POLICE. REQUEST EMBASSY CONTACT, EXPLAIN PROPOSAL AND CABLE CONCURRENCE KATZ VISIT ON OR ABOUT JUNE 20.

FOR LIMA: THE INTERPOL LIAISON AGENCY IS PIP. REQUEST EMBASSY CONTACT, EXPLAIN PROPOSAL AND CABLE CONCURRENCE KATZ VISIT ON OR ABOUT JUNE 23.

FOR LA PAZ: INTERPOL LIAISON AGENCY IS DIN, RATHER THAN
DNSP. WE UNDERSTAND DIN FACILITY HAS BEEN INOPERATIVE FOR
OVER A YEAR. WE DO NOT WISH TO PUT NARCOTICS FACILITY IN
DIN, BUT BELIEVE WE COULD PROVIDE DIN LINK TO INTERPOL
THROUGH DNSP. RECOGNIZE THIS COULD BE DELICATE MATTER TO
WORK OUT. PLEASE EXPLORE WITH APPROPRIATE GOB OFFICIALS

AND ADVISE. KATZ WOULD LIKE TO VISIT ON OR ABOUT JUNE 27
THROUGH JUNE 30.

FOR BUENOS AIRES: REQUEST EMBASSY DISCUSS PROPOSAL WITH
REGIONAL INTERPOL OFFICIALS LOCATED IN FEDERAL POLICE.
KATZ PLANS VISIT ON OR ABOUT JUNE 30-JULY 2. CHRISTOPHER

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